

❖ ❖ Some Early Settlers ❖ ❖

THERE are a host of persons, passed on before, who should be mentioned under this head, but the limited space of a simple souvenir prevents the carrying out of the writer's desires. Yet a brief mention of those who were better known should be made. The early managers of the D. & H. were of Scottish origin and naturally gathered about them many men of their own nationality.

James Archbald, first mayor of Carbondale, was born in Buteshire, Scotland, in 1793, and died August 26, 1870. He was the first superintendent of the D. & H. Canal company's railroad and later became connected with the D. L. & W. He served four terms as the city's chief executive. He came to this country in 1807 and helped in building the Erie canal. His advent to Carbondale was in 1829 and his superintendency of the D. & H. covered thirty years. He was revered by all who knew him.

Lewis Pughe died in Scranton Jan 7th, 1892, aged 71 years. "The poor have lost a friend" is an epitaph that would tell what manner

of man he was. His removal from this city was a distinct loss to the community. He was a leading business man, held several minor offices and was the city's first treasurer.

William Brennan was the first clerk of the mayor's court. He was later mayor of the city and also represented the district in the legislature. He occupied a handsome house that is now a portion of St. Rose convent building and was the first in this section to make it possible for a miner to earn a living outside of the D. & H. company's employ, conducting a colliery above the city.

Dr. Thomas Sweet was born in Harford in 1796, and died in Scranton, October 8th, 1872. He was the only physician for many years in this entire section and was called here frequently in 1827 to see pa-

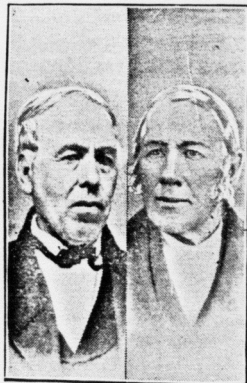
tients. His practice grew so rapidly that he moved here in 1829. Both as a man and physician he was held in the highest esteem by all.

James Clarkson immigrated from Scotland in 1830. He came first to Dundaff. Later he and Peter Campbell took a contract from the Delaware & Hudson company to mine its coal, employing their own men. Superintendent Archbald seeing in Mr. Clarkson a valuable acquisition, made him mine superintendent, which position he occupied for thirty years. He was an able and experienced man, much liked by employer and employee. He died November 10th, 1876, at the age of seventy-two years. He was chairman of the city's first common council.

Rev Dr. J. H. Noble commenced his labors here Sept. 28, 1829. He died at Perth Amboy, N. J., April 26, 1896; was born in Tinemouth, Vt., in 1804. Dr. Noble remained here three years. At his death the New York Evangelist said: "He was a notable example of a wellrounded, well balanced, wise, earnest and successful minister of Christ."

S. S. Benedict died May 18, 1883. Mr. Benedict's life and public services were more than usually remarkable. His life was mostly spent in this city. He was a good citizen and whether as a school teacher, journalist, member of the State legislature, of the city council, or school director, he was a success.

Judson W. Burnham died in 1857. He came to Dundaff in 1829 and three years later to Carbondale. He engaged in the jewelry business and was one of the pioneer Masons of the city, going to Philadelphia to obtain the charter of Carbondale lodge No. 249. Mr.



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